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**Listing of Claims:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Claims 1-15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (previously presented): A method for using a collaborative commerce

application for searching for a particular component for use in a fluid processing plant,

comprising: associating the component with particular metadata attributes; displaying a

graphical model of the component; allowing a user to select the graphical model;

performing a search of a component database using the metadata attributes associated

with the selected component to obtain respective values associated with the metadata

attributes; and dynamically creating a search menu using the metadata attributes and the

respective values obtained from the component database.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 16 further comprising providing the user with

the ability to search based on a basis selected from a group consisting of category, site

part number, supplier part number, manufacturer part number, supplier, keyword, and any

combination thereof.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 16 further comprising providing the user with

the ability to choose which metadata attributes to use as search criteria from the search

menu.

Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 16 further comprising displaying search

results using fields based on metadata attributes.

Claims 20-52 (canceled).

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Claim 53 (previously presented): A system for using a collaborative commerce application for searching for a particular component for use in a fluid processing plant, the system configured to: associate the component with particular metadata attributes; display a graphical model of the component; allow a user to select the graphical model; perform a search of a component database using the metadata attributes associated with the selected component to obtain respective values associated with the metadata attributes; and dynamically create a search menu using the metadata attributes and the respective values obtained from the component database.

Claim 54 (original): The system of claim 53 further configured to provide the user with the ability to search based on a basis selected from a group consisting of category, site part number, supplier part number, manufacturer part number, supplier, keyword, and any combination thereof.

Claim 55 (original): The system of claim 53 further configured to provide the user with the ability to choose which metadata attributes to use as search criteria from the search menu.

Claim 56 (original): The system of claim 53 further configured to display search results using fields based on metadata attributes.

Claims 57-74 (canceled).